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SUBJECT: ME STAFF GROUP - SOUTH LEBANON

REF: A) TEL AVIV 3909 B) BEIRUT 1540 C) DAMASCUS 1598

1. I SEE NOTHING IN PARAS 1-6 OF DAMASCUS REFTEL WHICH COULD EMBARRASS EITHER USG OR SARG IF GISTED TO WEIZMAN.

2. WOULD PREFER HAVE DEPARTMENT MELD BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS REPORTS WITH OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION AGAINST BACKGROUND OF CARTER-BEGIN TALKS FOR PROVIDING TO ISRAELIS.

3. SUGGEST HOWEVER IT IS DONE THAT WEIZMAN BE ADVISED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO SYRIAN ACTIONS IN COMING DAYS THAN TO KHADDAM'S ASSERTION THAT SYRIA WILL ACT TO KEEP THE PEACE ONLY AFTER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. SYRIA IS IN A BIND VIS-A-VIS PALESTINIANS BUT IS CERTAINLY NOT DESIROUS OF SEEING SITUATION EXPLODE.

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